



Mr. Leonard R. "Lenny" Funicello, Lt. Retired UPD

July 9, 1944 - May 5, 2015

Mr. Leonard R. "Lenny" Funicello, retired Lieutenant of the Utica Police Department, age 70, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on July 9, 1944, Leonard was the son of the late Alfred R. "Sarge" and Nancy (Rodio) Funicello. He attended local schools and was awarded a degree in Business Administration from Utica College. On February 3, 1968 he married the former Alyce T. DeMartino. They shared 47 years together. Lenny was a great protector, provider, and patriarch, always concerned about the well-being of his family.

Lenny was career-minded and dedicated to his profession as a police officer. He loved and honored the Brotherhood of the Force. He was appointed to Patrolman in 1967, promoted to Sergeant in 1975 and to Lieutenant in 1993. He worked in the Uniformed Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, and the Professional Standards Unit. During his years of service, he received several letters of gratitude from members of the community that he served as well as commendations from the agency. Lieutenant Funicello retired from the force in 2006.

Lenny was blessed with a mild manner and a memorable sense of humor. He was intelligent and intuitive by nature and was a source of solace and advice to many because of his ability to be a conscientious listener. An affable man, he had a network of acquaintances that ranged far and wide. For Lenny, his home was his sanctuary and the sweetest and most precious times were

shared with his children and grandchildren. He wanted them to be careful, watchful, wise, and safe because he loved them so dearly. Lenny loved his cars. He also enjoyed antiques, classic films, and fine cigars. A member of the Trenton Fish & Game Club, he and his grandchildren cast their lines in Lake Moraine where he also spent many happy times with his family. He was a member of the Police Benevolent Association (P.B.A.) and the Retired Police Association of the State Of New York. Even after retirement, Lenny remained active in acquiring positions at United Auto Parts and at Parkway Drugs. For those who knew and loved him, Lenny leaves a legacy of many memories and a fervent belief that “there’s no place like home”.

Lenny is survived by his wife, Alyce; he was a proud father of his “girls” and his sons-in-law, Noel and Jim Day of Ballston Lake, NY, and Holly “Dolly” and Rich Maline of Clinton; his adored grandchildren, Griffin, Hayden, and Ava Day; Dana, Connor, and Cameron Maline. Always close to his heart was the memory of his grandson, Aaron Cole Maline, who predeceased him in 2003. He will also remain in the hearts of his brothers and sister-in-law, Anthony and Lisa Funicello of FL, Al Funicello, and his daughter, Bonnie Funicello, of New Hartford; his aunts, Nancy Funicello, and Elsie Cardamone; his nieces, his nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Lenny also leaves his lifelong friend, Rich DePhillips, longtime friends, John Slater, and Chris Casab; his godchildren, Richie DePhillips, and James Funicello; and a host of great friends. He was predeceased by his uncle, Frank Falcone who was also Lenny’s godfather; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dominick and Hilda DeMartino.

The family is grateful to Lenny’s attending physicians, particularly Dr. Raouf Kodsy, Diane, and his staff, and Dr. Ramzi Nassif, all of whom tended to Lenny with professional concern; the personnel of 2 West and the ICU at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center for their expert and compassionate care; and Sister Sharon for her blessings.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Leonard’s funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at

11:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno with honors conferred by the Utica Police Department. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. By family request please omit floral offerings. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
1736 Burrstone Road
New Hartford, NY 13413

Tribute Wall

HD

“ Dear Mimi and family, I hope everyone is OK that Lenny passed and I want to share a memory....My memory is when we go to the Maline's camp and we would always fish and he would take fish off and put worms on. I hope everyone is happy and I love you all.

Sincerely,
Hayden Day

Hayden Day - July 06, 2015 at 09:23 AM

TF

“ Alyce and Family, Please accept our sincere condolences on Lenny's passing. We will keep him and all of you in our prayers.



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - May 11, 2015 at 04:37 AM

NP

“ To the Funciello family, my sincere sympathy and respect for your loss. Lenny was truly a cops, cop and a giving person. We were appointed together, rode together, laughed together and shed tears together when we lost other brother officer. Never will I forget walking the beat on Liberty St. and a homeless guy asking us for a couple dollars and Lenny knowing it was for wine instead takes him over to the White Tower and buys him coffee and a hamburger, that was typical Kenny. Rest in Peace my Friend

Nick parrotta - May 10, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard R. "Lenny" Funicello, Lt. Retired UPD.*



May 08, 2015 at 04:41 PM



“ *Paul Mangano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard R. "Lenny" Funicello, Lt. Retired UPD*



Paul Mangano - May 08, 2015 at 04:31 PM



How can I forget the times we had at Sarge's on those Saturday mornings full of laughter. Say hello to my Father Murph Lenny. My heart goes out to the Funicello Family at this time.

Paul Mangano - May 08, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ *Alyce and Family: Our deepest sympathy, our love and our prayers are with you. Lenny was a dear friend and neighbor to us. He will be missed but never forgotten. God Bless.*



Rose and Karen Moylan - May 08, 2015 at 04:11 PM



“ *Condolences to Al and the entire Funicello family. Roseann (Guarniero) Petronella*

ROSEANN PETRONELLA - May 08, 2015 at 02:38 PM

BO

“ Alyce, Noel and Holly and families I'm sorry to hear of Lenny's passing. He's with Sarge and Nancy again. Those years you all lived on Mohawk St. Lenny was good to us in the neighborhood. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Bobby Ollerenshaw - May 08, 2015 at 07:33 AM

JM

“ Lenny I'm so glad Cheryl and I got to chat with you last week. Never in my wildest dreams did I think it would be the last time. Please watch over all of us and I will forever cherish you as a boss but especially as a friend. I will make sure Fitzzy and Piggy behave. See you on the other side, save a seat at the bar for me.

jerome murray - May 07, 2015 at 05:25 PM

RM

“ Uncle Lenny; a man of few words but when you did speak they were words of wisdom for many. A great father, husband and dad. His family was always first. Miss those old talks about police work and sharing our experiences. You were taken too early from us, but no more suffering, I know your in a better place. God Bless You !



Richard Marchitelli Jr. Family

Rick Marchitelli - May 07, 2015 at 07:08 AM

JJ

“ I cannot express how deeply saddened I am to hear of the passing of Lenny. As far as I can remember, he has been a constant in my life, a character from the place I called my second home, the place of his fathers, a man I will always regard as the most significant person in my life beside my own parents. I will miss him, the cigars, the cold beers from the pepsi machine and our long talks. At the passing of our friend Tony Priest, Sarge said "Death is only a part of life." I regret that Lenny's time has come. I wish he had more time with us. I regret that it has been some time since our paths crossed. I will miss him sorely. My sincerest condolences and warmest regards. Truly yours, John Piazza Jr.

John Piazza Jr. - May 06, 2015 at 10:04 PM

SG

Literally one of "Utica's Finest", Lenny was a credit to his profession. Well educated, articulate, calm and humorous, his fellow officers' and other agencies looked upon him with trust, and as a roll model. I know, I had the honor of riding and learning from him my very first day on the job in March, 1973 in "his" Car 44, So. Utica. Condolences to his Family who I remember he cherished so much. Steve Graham UPD (ret)

Steve Graham - May 08, 2015 at 12:14 PM

VS

LT, you were an amazing man and a guiding light. You spoke the truth, and that is why you and I chatted at least every 2 wks up until just 3 wks ago. The way you spoke of and adored your family, especially "momma" is what made you a true man. Will miss our chats about life!

Valerie Slater - May 12, 2015 at 12:01 PM

SP

Alyce, Noel and Holly, I am so sorry to hear of Lenny's passing. I just found out this morning. Many memories of Lenny working at the gas station with Sarge and remembering him in his Police uniform coming to visit. Back in the 80's I bought his big green car that was one of my first. The tail lights would blink and that's why I bought it. Lenny and I laughed about that. When I saw Lenny at the gas station after his fathers passing, we talked about the old days. He will be missed and many prayers for you and your family. Salvatore Piazza

Salvatore Piazza - May 13, 2015 at 05:55 AM

CG

RIP Lenny. God bless you and your family.

Colette Gunputrav - August 18, 2017 at 04:51 PM